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SUBJECT: LOS - MEETING WITH AMB. HARRY OF AUSTRALIA

USUN FOR AMB. STEVENSON

1. DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER OXMAN, ACCOMPAN-
IED BY EMBASSY OFFICER (PFUND) CALLED ON AMB. HARRY OF
AUSTRALIA TO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS, IN PARTICULAR DISPUTE
SETTLEMENT.

2. PARTICIPATION: HARRY EXPECTS TO HEAD AUSTRALIAN
DELEGATION "FOR LAST TIME" IN GENEVA BUT THERE IS NO
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT YET, AND HE REQUESTED US TO HOLD
THIS INFORMATION CLOSELY. HE IS RETURNING TO CANBERRA
NEXT WEEK, AFTER STOPPING IN ROME AND BANGKOK FOR LOS
CONSULTATIONS. HE WILL ARRIVE IN GENEVA MARCH 12 OR 13
FOR BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LOS CONSULTATIONS MARCH 13 OR
14.

3. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: HARRY IS AGREEABLE TO AMB.
GALINDO POHL ARRANGING ON BEHALF OF BOTH OF THEM A
MEETING OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT GROUP IN OR OUTSIDE
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GENEVA DURING WEEKEND OF MARCH 15-16. HE ASKED PROF.

SOHN TO SEND COPY OF DRAFT STATUTE TO HIM IN CANBERRA.
OXMAN SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO GALINDO POHL IN NEW YORK.
HARRY FELT INFORMAL GROUP COULD CONTINUE UNTIL
CONFERENCE ESTABLISHES FORMAL GROUP, BUT FELT THIS WAS
NECESSARY STEP. ON SUBSTANCE, IN VIEW PM WHITLAM'S
REMARKS IN FAVOR OF ICJ AND COMPULSORY DISPUTE
SETTLEMENT IN UNGA, IT NOW POSSIBLE FOR AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT TO TAKE DEFINITELY POSITIVE STAND ON ISSUE.
4. DEEP SEABEDS: HARRY WAS DOUBTFUL AUSTRALIA COULD
PLAY HELPFUL ROLE IN COMMITTEE I IN VIEW OF ITS SUB-
STANTIVE POSITION IN FAVOR OF DIRECT EXPLOITATION BUT
INTENDS TO EXPLORE SOURCE OF THIS POSITION IN CANBERRA.
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